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To: Westfield Board of Works

From: Melody Jones

CC: Todd Burtron

Date: July 23, 2013

RE: Park Improvements as of July 2013

Dear Board Members:

The Westfield Parks and Recreation Department has been focusing on Special Events and getting caught up on facility maintenance. It has been a very busy July.

**PARKS**

All of the park playgrounds have been topped off with engineered wood fiber playground safety mulch.

Tree work continues in all the parks as the Emerald Ash Bore is taking a toll in Westfield. The largest tree to be removed was a Maple Tree in the Anti-Slavery Cemetery.

**Grand Junction Park/Plaza**

With the rescheduling of your meeting we may be ready to present the quotes for a contract approval for the demolition of the six properties in Grand Junction. The quotes came in high and we are re-evaluating the scope and will ask for new quotes.

**Quaker Park**

The new shade sails have been installed at the Splash Park over the benches. This is adding a much needed amenity to the Park – more shade.

**TRAILS**

## **Monon Trail**

### 161<sup>st</sup> Street Tunnel:

This project has moved forward. Duke Energy has completed their overhead power line relocation and we are contracted with Halverson Construction Company, Inc. to complete Phase 1 of the Monon Trail Tunnel.

## **OTHER PROJECTS**

### **Bike Loops – Westfield Adds Bike Loop System**

The City announced on July 25<sup>th</sup> the addition of seven newly-mapped bike loops that will take riders throughout the city. A total loop mileage of nearly 80 miles has been added to Westfield's already extensive trail offerings.

The bike loops are grouped by difficulty and include beginner, family, advanced and expert levels. The length of the bike loops range from 1.85 miles to 33.3 miles. Riders will be taken on routes along the Monon and Midland Trails, through downtown Westfield and along surrounding countryside. Signs have been installed along the bike loop routes to help riders identify the correct loop for their skill level.

In addition to providing riders with a varied riding experience, the new bike loops help to link neighborhoods, parks, schools and create an opportunity for affordable recreation.

### **Programing –**

The new edition of the Grand Guide will be delivered to homes the first week in August. This guide will showcase all the programs and special event that will take place from September until the end of the year.

## **EVENTS**

We hope you had a wonderful **July 4<sup>th</sup>**. We celebrated in Asa Bales Park with approximately 10,000 visitors. A good time was had by all. This was the first year the temperatures were not over 90.

**Movies in the Park** started on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to join us in Asa Bales Park for all, or just one of the six nights we will be hosting the movies.

Plans are going will for **Voices from the Past**. The walking historic tour in the Anti-Slavery Cemetery in Asa Bales Park and Old Friends Cemetery

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Park will take place on September 13 and 14<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be on sales soon.

In addition, we are well on our way with plans for the **Grand Junction Derby** (Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>) and **Westfield in Lights** (Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>).

Please mark your calendar.

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